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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. DR. JOHNSON FEELS THAT MEDEVAC IS NOT ADVISABLE, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME, FOR JOE NEUBERT. (THIS WAS SAME POSITION, WE RECALL, THAT DOCTORS TOOK RE BILL MILLER: IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION OF HEART PROBLEMS, THEY DO NOT ADVISE MOVING PATIENT.) AS FOR LONGER TERM VIEW, WE WILL CONSULT WITH JOHNSON WHEN HE RETURNS TO MOSCOW TOMORROW. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT BUCHANAN COULD COME IN SUMMER IF NEEDED. JOE NEUBERT, INCIDENTALLY, HAS ASKED US TO HOLD FACT OF HIS HOSPITALIZATION AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. VERY FEW IN EMBASSY KNOW UP TO NOW, BUT IF HE HAS LONG HOSPITAL STAY, WORD WILL INEVITABLY SPREAD.

2. WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO TWO OF YOUR SPLEX VISA CABLES WHICH APPEAR TO BE OF MORE THAN ROUTINE INTEREST:

- MOSCOW 7432, WHICH REPORTS PROPOSED PARTICIPATION OF THREE SOVIETS IN AN NBC TELEVISION DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12.

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- MOSCOW 7431, WHICH REPORTS PROPOSED PARTICIPATION OF THREE OTHER SOVIETS IN FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANTI-RACISM COMMISSION OF THE CHRISTIAN PEACE CONFERENCE, JUNE 27 - JULY 1.

3. SKOUG WOULD PREFER TO PARTICPATE IN BUSINESS FACILITATION WORKING GROUP, WITH MAJOR PROJECTS SECOND CHOICE. REQUEST

BILL EDGAR RESERVED SINGLE WITH BATH AT FRANCIS SCOTT KEY
OR OTHER CONVENIENT HOTEL FOR SKOUG, JUNE 5-10.

4. JOE PRESEL FULLY UNDERSTANDS AMBASSADOR'S POINT ABOUT
MUNICH ASSIGNMENT. HOWEVER, SINCE OUR LAST EXCHANGE ON
THIS SUBJECT, YALOWITZ HAS RECEIVED ASSIGNMENT TO THE
HAGUE WHICH HE WISHES TO ACCEPT, SO HE WOULD NOT BE
AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO POL. IF PRESEL LEAVES, WE
WOULD NEED A REPLACEMENT. AFTER SCANNING THE "SOVIET
SPECIALISTS" LIST, I RAN ACROSS TWO NAMES THAT MIGHT
BE CONSIDERED IF THEY ARE INTERESTED. ONE IS JIM HUFF,
WHO MIGHT FIT IN EITHER THE POL/MIL SLOT OR IN POL/INT;
THE OTHER IS JONATHAN RICKERT, WHO MIGHT FIT THE POL/MIL
SLOT. IF WE CAN FIND SOMEONE FOR THE POL/MIL SLOT, WE
WOULD PUT BOTH RAY SMITH AND RUSTY HUGHES IN POL/INT.
IF, HOWEVER, THE NEW CANDIDATE WERE BETTER SUITED FOR
POL/INT, RAY SMITH WOULD GO TO POL/MIL, WHICH HE PREFERS.
SMITH, INCIDENTALLY, WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN EXTRA
YEAR (TO 1979) IF HE GETS THE POL/MIL SLOT. MEANWHILE,
WE STILL HAVE NO MESSAGE FROM PER ON THE HUGHES/SMITH
TRANSFERS.
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